

### DECLARATION

As a below named inventor, I declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: SAFETY METHOD AND SAFETY DEVICE FOR A MACHINE, ESPECIALLY A BENDING PRESS the specification of which was filed on International Filing Date August 10, 2004 as International Application No. PCT/EP2004/008915, U.S. Application No. 10/579,133.

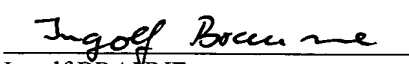
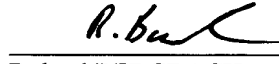
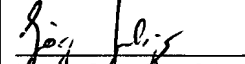
I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56. I claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

#### Prior Foreign Application(s)

Country	Application No.	Date of Filing	Priority Claimed Under 35 USC 119
Germany	10353353.2	November 14, 2003	Yes
PCT	PCT/EP2004/008915	August 10, 2004	Yes

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I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Signature of Inventor 1  Ingolf BRAUNE Date: 13.4.2006	Signature of Inventor 2  Roland BERGBACH Date: 2.5.2006	Signature of Inventor 3  Joerg GRABINGER Date: 2.5.2006
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<b>POWER OF ATTORNEY and CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS INDICATION FORM</b>	Application Number	10/579,133
	Filing Date	
	First Named Inventor	BRAUNE, Ingolf
	Title	SAFETY METHOD AND SAFETY DEVICE FOR A MACHINE, ESPECIALLY A BENDING PRESS
	Art Unit	
	Examiner Name	
	Attorney Docket Number	15283A-008600US

I hereby revoke all previous powers of attorney given in the above-identified application.

I hereby appoint:

☒ Practitioners associated with the Customer Number:

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OR

☐ Practitioner(s) named below:

Name	Registration Number

as my/our attorney(s) or agent(s) to prosecute the application identified above, and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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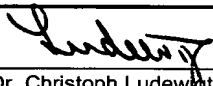
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I am the:

☐ Applicant/Inventor.

☒ Assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71.  
Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).

**SIGNATURE of Applicant or Assignee of Record**

Signature		Date	May 10, 2006
Name	ppa. Dr. Christoph Ludewigt	i.V./Guenter Fetzer	Telephone
Title and Company	Manager Intellectual Property	Manager IP-Office	SICK AG

NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below\*.

☐ \*Total of \_\_\_\_\_ forms are submitted.

**STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)**Applicant/Patent Owner: Ingolf BRAUNE, Roland BERGBACH and Joerg GRABINGERApplication No./Patent No./Control No.: 10/579,133 Filed/Issue Date: \_\_\_\_\_Entitled:  
d:**SAFETY METHOD AND SAFETY DEVICE FOR A MACHINE, ESPECIALLY A BENDING PRESS**Sick AG

(Name of Assignee)

a

Germany corporation

(Type of Assignee: corporation, partnership, university, government agency, etc.)

states that it is:

1.



the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest; or

2.



an assignee of less than the entire right, title and interest.

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in the patent application/patent identified above by virtue of either:

- A. ☒ An assignment from the inventor(s) of the patent application/patent identified above. The assignment was recorded in the United States Patent and Trademark Office at Reel \_\_\_\_\_, Frame \_\_\_\_\_, or a true copy of the original assignment is attached.

**OR**

- B. ☐ A chain of title from the inventor(s), of the patent application/patent identified above, to the current assignee as follows:

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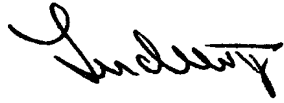
☐ Additional documents in the chain of title are listed on a supplemental sheet.

**As required by 37 CFR 3.73(b)(1)(i), the documentary evidence of the chain of title from the original owner to the assignee was, or concurrently is being, submitted for recordation pursuant to 37 CFR 3.11**

[NOTE: A separate copy (i.e., a true copy of the original assignment document(s)) must be submitted to Assignment Division in accordance with 37 CFR Part 3, to record the assignment in the records of the USPTO. See MPEP 302.08]

The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

Signature



Date

May 10, 2006

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ASSIGNMENT OF PATENT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, Ingolf BRAUNE of Bahnhofstrasse 12, Gundelfingen, D-79194 Germany; Roland BERGBACH of Klostermattenstrasse 5A, Kenzingen, D-79341 Germany; and Joerg GRABINGER of Im Jaegeracker 1, Emmendingen, D-79312 Germany, hereinafter referred to as "Assignors," are the inventors of the invention described and set forth in the below-identified application for United States Letters Patent:

Title of Invention: SAFETY METHOD AND SAFETY DEVICE FOR A  
MACHINE, ESPECIALLY A BENDING PRESS

Date(s) of Execution:

Int'l. Filing Date: August 10, 2004  
U. S. App. No.: 10/579,133  
Int'l. Application No.: PCT/EP2004/008915; and

WHEREAS, Sick AG, located at Sebastian-Kneipp-Strasse 1, Waldkirch, D-79183, GERMANY, hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNEE," is desirous of acquiring ASSIGNORS' interest in the said invention and application and in any U.S. Letters Patent which may be granted on the same;

NOW, THEREFORE, TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Be it known that, for good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged by Assignors, Assignors have sold, assigned and transferred, and by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto the said Assignees, and Assignees' successors and assigns, all their right, title and interest in and to the said invention and application, and in and to any Letters Patent which may hereafter be granted on the same in the United States, the said interest to be held and enjoyed by said Assignees as fully and exclusively as it would have been held and enjoyed by said Assignors had this Assignment and transfer not been made, to the full end and term of any Letters Patent which may be granted thereon, or of any division, renewal, continuation in whole or in part, substitution, conversion, reissue, prolongation or extension thereof.

Assignors further agree that they will, without charge to Assignee, but at Assignee's expense, cooperate with Assignee in the prosecution of said application and/or applications, execute, verify, acknowledge and deliver all such further papers, including applications for Letters Patent and for the reissue thereof, and instruments of assignment and transfer thereof, and will perform such other acts as Assignee lawfully may request, to obtain or maintain Letters Patent for said invention and improvement, and to vest title thereto in Assignee, or Assignee's successors and assigns.

Assignors hereby authorize and request Townsend and Townsend and Crew LLP, Two Embarcadero Center, Eighth Floor, San Francisco, CA 94111-3834, to insert herein above the application number and filing date of said application when known.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Assignors have signed their names on the dates indicated.

Dated: 13.4.2006

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Dated: 2.5.2006

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Roland BERGBACH

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